



Anglican Parish of Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal, Areegra, Minyip, Hopetoun, Brim

Pentecost 3

29 June 2025

Sunday Service: 10.30am - Warracknabeal (One Service Only)



Hello Everybody! I hope that you've had a good week.

What a delight that we received another good rain during the week!

It changes everything!

Does this mean that God DOES answer prayer? Or is it just our good fortune? A combination of both maybe? Doesn't the old adage say, "God helps those who help themselves!" In the 'old system' of reward and punishment - it would seem that we have been blessed by God because we are blessed. But Jesus changed all that!

It would seem that if we take a closer look at the deepest recesses of our lives - essentially life is unfair! Good people get diseases they don't deserve, drug dealers seem to last for ever causing mayhem and confusion and dependence, world megalomaniacs seem to cause wanton destruction on the world's poor and dispossessed and displaced, the innocents that cry out during the day and night would torment our conscious if we were several thousand miles closer to the reality of war and famine and injustice, and then, the forgotten people of the world - living from hand to mouth, slaving away with no real empowerment or seeming value by those who are responsible for their welfare and wellbeing.

When we choose to 'follow Jesus' is it at our own pace, once we've got all our chores done and everything is 'right' and convenient to do so. Or are we ready to respond to the people of the world's need now - TODAY!

What action follows your faithfulness this week? *Every blessing, Rev James*

Annual General Meeting - on 10th August at 11.00am in the Anglican Parish Centre after the morning worship service at 9.30am (one service only).

Bring a plate for a Soup and Sandwich lunch and I encourage you to bring any refreshments. Tea and Coffee will be provided.

Nomination Forms are at the back of the church and returned to Sarah-Jayne Holland - no later than: 27th July. All reports due July 20th.



Prayer in the Parish

In the Parish & Beyond:

- +Garry; the Registry & all staff;
- For Diocese's 150th year;
- For our Parish Council and our own 140th year preparations and activities;
- For our sisters and brothers on the European Continent;
- For all who are hungry, thirsty and homeless or displaced;
- For all known to us in hospital and our Residential Care Facilities;
- For those who are lonely; depressed; suffering from flu, and other discomfort;
- For Christian Emergency Food Centre;
- For those who are grieving;
- For the Shed Project: all who attend and their families; mentors & friends;
- For all those we love, near and far away;
- For our farmers and their families;
- For recent rain, and seasonal weather;

Years Mind: James LIVINGSTONE (1988), Patsy DEMPSEY (20023), Edward LIERSCH (1994), George GREGSON (1992), Kenneth RENALSON (1996), Janice McCREDDEN (1999), Ellis EMMETT (2005), Cyril McROSS (2013), Beverley PENDERGAST (2023), Allan ROBINS (1990), Melissa SALLMAN (infant), Rex SCHULZ (2008), Phyllis LYNCH (2017)

“Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.”

Service Times June/July

Pentecost 3 – 29 June

10.30am Warracknabeal

One Service Only

Pentecost 4 – 06 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

11.00am – Home church Areegra

Tuesday 08 July

5.00pm Eucharist

6.00pm 140yr Consultation

Pentecost 5 – 13 July

10.30am

12.00 Parish Lunch

5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 6 – 20 July

9.30am & 5.00pm Warracknabeal

Pentecost 7 – 27 July

9.30am Warracknabeal

5.00pm Café Church



Creator God of love,

All time and every place is
your gift.

We thank you that you have
blessed our Diocese for the last 150 years,
even when we have failed in our high calling
to herald your kingdom.

Your forgiveness, love and peace sustained
generations of our forebears,

And we rejoice that you still bless us and
invite us to work with you to build justice,
hope and love in Western Victoria.

Inspire us with a new vision and new energy
as we face the future, and help us to trust and
commit to the humble serving path of Jesus,
guided by your Holy Spirit. Amen.



TODAY'S READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

A reading from the Second Book of Kings

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' And he replied, 'As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them walked on. Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?' 'Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,' Elisha replied. 'You have asked a difficult thing,' Elijah said, 'yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours – otherwise, it will not.' As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, 'My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!' And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two. Elisha then picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. 'Where now is the Lord, the God of Elijah?' he asked. When he struck the

water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 16

Response: You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. **(R.)**
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm **(R.)**
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
- 4 You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. So I say, live by the Spirit,

and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak. O Lord, your servant is listening
you have the words of everlasting life
Alleluia!

THE PROPER

Sentence: Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it.

Collect: O God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, the strength of the thoughts that seek you: help us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gospel:

Luke 9:51-62

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, 'Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?' But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then he and his disciples went to another village. As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus replied, 'Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' He said to another man, 'Follow me.' But he replied, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Still another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.' Jesus replied, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next Parish Lunch - 13th July
12.00pm (after 10.30am service)
Proceeds to Parish 140th ideas.

**Thank you for your generosity to the Christian
Emergency Food Centre in Horsham!**

Immediate NEEDS include:

Cereals – especially Weetbix & Vitabrits; Long-life milk; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; 2min noodles; Canned fruit, toiletries and Cake Mix.